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**Subject: DisasterHelp.gov Transition**

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In the spring of 2007, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) initiated an effort to expand local, tribal, state and Federal community access to trusted, comprehensive information sharing networks.

This is a multi- phased effort to provide improved access to trusted, comprehensive information sharing networks used by local, tribal, state, and Federal communities. Members of the emergency response community will participate throughout this effort to ensure that the ongoing needs of the emergency response community are met.

DHS will transition the restricted portion of the disasterhelp.gov web portal, offering collaboration services and information sharing, onto the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN). The transition is expected to take place in late summer 2007.

Individuals who currently access the public side of disasterhelp.gov public portal will continue to access the publicly available content at [www.disasterhelp.gov](http://www.disasterhelp.gov).

Registered users will be integrated into HSIN in the coming months and DHS will notify them via email in advance of this migration. Users will be moved to an area within HSIN specifically designed to continue the Disasterhelp.gov functionality. Disasterhelp.gov users will have the opportunity to realign themselves within the HSIN environment after this initial migration.

This effort is being managed with a strong emphasis on practitioner involvement and future messages regarding this transition are planned.

Questions, comments and other feedback are welcome at [disasterhelp.transition@dhs.gov](mailto:disasterhelp.transition@dhs.gov).